

HOUSE BILL 2882

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AN ACT to amend Title 44, Chapter 17, Part 1; and
Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to
the breeding of dogs for commercial
purposes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated 44-17-104(b) is amended by deleting the language "of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)" and substituting instead the following language:

"based upon the following:

Dealer license fee to sell dogs or cats to research facilities: two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)

Dealer license fee (wholesale) fee to sell dogs or cats for resale: one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)

Dealer license fee (retail) to buy dogs or cats for resale to be assessed as follows:

Transactions of up to 50 animals per year: one hundred and twenty-five dollar (\$125.00)

Transactions of 51 to 150 animals per year: two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)

Transactions of 151 to 300 animals per year: five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

Transactions of 301 to 500 animals per year: seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00)

Transactions of more than 500 animals per year: one thousand dollars (\$1000.00)

Dealer license fee to transport dogs or cats in commerce: one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)"

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated 44-17-106 is amended by deleting the language "twenty five dollars (\$25.00)" and substituting instead the following language:

"based upon the following:

Dealer license fee to sell dogs or cats to research facilities: one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125)

Dealer license fee (wholesale) fee to sell dogs or cats for resale: one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125)

Dealer license fee (retail) to buy dogs or cats for resale to be assessed as follows:

Transactions of up to 50 animals per year: one hundred and twenty-five dollar (\$125.00)

Transactions of 51 to 150 animals per year: two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)

Transactions of 151 to 300 animals per year: five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

Transactions of 301 to 500 animals per year: seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00)
Transactions of more than 500 animals per year: one thousand dollars (\$1000.00)

Dealer license fee to transport dogs or cats in commerce: one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125)”

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated 44-17-115(b) is amended by adding the phrase “and compliance with licensing requirements of this Part” between the word “animals” and the word “or.”

SECTION 4. Title 44, Chapter 17, Part 1 is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Confiscation of animals. Subject to the provisions of this Part, the commissioner has the authority to confiscate animals as may be necessary to provide for the humane treatment of such animals.

SECTION 5. Title 44, Chapter 17, Part 1 is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Cooperation with local and federal authorities. The commissioner may enter into cooperative agreements with local and/or federal agencies for purposes of implementing this Part. When implementing the provisions for issuance of dealer licenses, the commissioner shall take into consideration other federal and/or local licensing regulations that may apply, it being the intent of the legislature not to impose duplicative licensing requirements and costs for dealers.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated 44-17-118 is amended by deleting the words “44-17-101-- 44-17-107” and substituting instead the words “this Part.”

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated 55-4-290(c)(1) is amended by adding the following phrase after the word “overpopulation:”

and funding to defray costs incurred by the department of agriculture associated with the licensing of dog and cat dealers pursuant to title 44, Chapter 17, Part 1.

SECTION 8. The last sentence of Tennessee Code Annotated 55-4-290(c)(1) is amended by deleting the word “health” and substituting instead the word “agriculture” and deleting the word “shall” and substituting instead the phrase “is authorized to.”

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.